

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the Conference Report on Agricultural Risk Protection Act.

The House agreed to the Conference Report on H.R. 2559, Agricultural Risk Protection Act.

The House passed H.R. 3916, Repeal of Spanish-American War Telephone Excise Tax.

The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 331, Commending Israel for Its Withdrawal From Southern Lebanon.

House Committees ordered reported 7 sundry measures, including the Defense and Interior appropriations for fiscal year 2001, and the Death Tax Elimination Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4399–S4506*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirty-nine bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2630–2668, S. Res. 314–316, and S. Con. Res. 118.

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**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:

S. 2277, to terminate the application of title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to the People's Republic of China. (S. Rept. No. 106–305)

S. 1854, to reform the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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**Measures Passed:**

**Adjournment Resolution:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 336, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

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**2000 District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run:** Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 280, authorizing the 2000 District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run to be run through the Capitol Grounds, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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**National Moment of Remembrance:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 302, calling on the people of the United States to observe a National Moment of Remembrance to honor the men and women of the United States who died in the pursuit of freedom and peace, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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**Sierra Leone Civil War Crimes:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 315, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the crimes and abuses committed against the people of Sierra Leone by the Revolutionary United Front.

**Pages S4500–01**

**Honoring Vietnam Veterans:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration H.R. 3293, to amend the law that authorized the Vietnam Veterans Memorial to authorize the placement within the site of the memorial of a plaque to honor those Vietnam veterans who died after their service in the Vietnam war, but as a direct result of that service, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

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**Immigration and Naturalization Service Data Management Improvement Act:** Senate passed H.R. 4489, to amend section 110 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, clearing the measure for the President.

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**Honoring Judge Daniel H. Thomas:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 316, honoring Senior Judge Daniel H. Thomas of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Alabama. **Pages S4504–05**

**Legislative Branch Appropriations:** Senate completed consideration of S. 2603, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 113), Mikulski Amendment No. 3166, to express the sense of the Senate commending the United States Capitol Police. **Pages S4405–06**

During consideration of this measure today, the Senate also took the following action:

By 98 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 114), Senate agreed to the motion to advance the bill to third reading. **Pages S4406–07**

Subsequently, S. 2603 was returned to the Senate calendar. **Page S4407**

**Agricultural Risk Protection Act—Conference Report:** By 91 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 115), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2559, to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers by providing greater access to more affordable risk management tools and improved protection from production and income loss, and to improve the efficiency and integrity of the Federal crop insurance program, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S4416–43**

**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice concerning the Continuation of Emergency with Respect to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), the Bosnian Serbs, and Kosovo; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–110) **Page S4458**

Transmitting pursuant to law a 6-month periodic report to Congress on the National Emergencies with Respect to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia & Montenegro); referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–111) **Pages S4458–59**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

- 1 Army nomination in the rank of general.
- 1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

**Pages S4505–06**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Robert S. LaRussa, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade.

Robin Chandler Duke, of New York, to be Ambassador to Norway.

Marc E. Leland, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2003.

Harriet M. Zimmerman, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2003. (Reappointment)

Donald J. Sutherland, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring August 11, 2002. (Reappointment)

Stephen M. Orlofsky, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

Norman C. Bay, of New Mexico, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Mexico for the term of four years.

33 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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**Messages From the President:** **Pages S4458–59**

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**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S4493**

**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—115) **Pages S4406–07, S4441**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:31 a.m., and pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 336, adjourned at 5:20 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Tuesday, June 6, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4505.)

## Committee Meetings

(C ttee t te t eet)

### COMPETITION AND INNOVATION IN CREDIT CARD INDUSTRY

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Subcommittee on Financial Institutions concluded hearings on competition and innovation in the credit card industry at the consumer and network level, after receiving testimony from Philip J. Purcell, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter and Co., Harvey Golub, American Express, and Noah J. Hanft, MasterCard International Incorporated, all of New York, New York; Paul Allen, Visa U.S.A. Inc., Foster City, California; Frank Torres, III, Consumers Union, Washington, D.C.; and David S. Evans, National Economic Research Associates, Inc., Cambridge, Massachusetts.

### INTERNET PRIVACY POLICIES

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Committee held hearings to examine a Federal Trade Commission report of Internet privacy policies issues, including collection and use of consumers' personal information by commercial sites on the World Wide Web, and begin the process of developing consensus about the best way to enable consumers to protect their privacy online, receiving testimony from Robert Pitofsky, Chairman, and Sheila F. Anthony, Mozelle W. Thompson, Orson Swindle, and Thomas B. Leary, all Commissioners, all of the Federal Trade Commission; Jill A. Lesser, America Online, Inc., Christine Varney, Hogan and Hartson, on behalf of the Online Privacy Alliance, and Jerry Berman, Center for Democracy and Technology, all of Washington, D.C.; Jason Catlett, Junkbusters Corporation, Green Brook, New Jersey; and Daniel J. Weitzner, World Wide Web Consortium, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

### U.S. NATURAL GAS CONSUMPTION

C ttee e y t e ce Committee held oversight hearings to examine the benefits of natural gas, including its natural abundance, clean-burning attributes, cost and efficiency advantages, and safe and reliable delivery, and the potential for a sharp increase of United States consumption over the next decade, receiving testimony from Jay E. Hakes, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; William F. Martin, Washington Policy and Analysis, Washington, D.C.; Robert W. Best, Atmos Energy Corporation, Dallas, Texas, on behalf of the American Gas Association; Laurence M. Downes, New Jersey Resources Cor-

poration, Wall, New Jersey, on behalf of the Distributed Power Coalition of America; and Paul C. Kerkhoven, Natural Gas Vehicle Coalition, Arlington, Virginia.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

### SNOWMOBILE PARK PROHIBITION

C ttee e y t e ce Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation concluded oversight hearings to examine the status of planning efforts regarding the use of snowmobiles in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and on the recent decision by the Department of the Interior to prohibit snowmobile activities in other units of the National Park System, after receiving testimony from Donald J. Barry, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish, Wildlife, and Parks; Kim Raap, Wyoming State Parks Department, Cheyenne; Mark Simonich, Montana Department of Environmental Quality, Helena; Chris Twoney, Arctic Cat, Inc., Thief River Falls, Minnesota, on behalf of the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association; Sean Smith, Bluewater Network, San Francisco, California; Tim Wade, Park County Commission, Cody, Wyoming, on behalf of the Cooperating Counties in the Winter Use; Michael D. Scott, Greater Yellowstone Coalition, Bozeman, Montana, on behalf of the Wilderness Society and the Natural Resources Defense Council; Kevin Collins, National Parks Conservation Association, Washington, D.C.; Teri Manning, Wyoming State Snowmobile Association, Jackson Hole, Wyoming; and William Manson, Grand Rapids, Michigan, on behalf of the American Council of Snowmobile Associations, Inc.

### BREAST CANCER SEMIPOSTAL STAMPS

C ttee e e t Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services concluded hearings to examine the U.S. Postal Service campaign on the issuance of the Breast Cancer Research semipostal stamps, and the future of fund-raising stamps, after receiving testimony from Senators DeWine and Feinstein; Deborah K. Willhite, Senior Vice President, Government Relations and Public Policy, United States Postal Service; and Bernard L. Ungar, Director, Government Business Operations Issues, General Government Division, General Accounting Office.

### INTERNET SECURITY AND PRIVACY

C ttee the c y Committee concluded hearings to examine proposed legislation to enhance the protections of the Internet and the critical infrastructure of the United States, related to Internet security and privacy issues, and the development and implementation of public policies that advance these

issues, after receiving testimony from Michael A. Vatis, Director, National Infrastructure Protection Center, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and James K. Robinson, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, both of the Department of Justice; Bruce J. Heiman, Americans for Computer Privacy, Jeff B. Richards, Internet Alliance, and James X. Dempsey, Center for Democracy and Technology, all of Washington, D.C.; and Richard Pethia, Carnegie Mellon University Software Engineering Institute, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

### NOMINATIONS

*C ttee the c y* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Daniel Marcus, of Maryland, to be Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice, Bonnie J. Campbell, of Iowa, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, Jay A. Garcia-Gregory, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, Beverly B. Martin, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, and Laura Taylor Swain, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Marcus was introduced by Senator Sarbanes and Representative Morella, Ms. Campbell was introduced by Senators Grassley and Harkin, Mr. Garcia-

Gregory was introduced by Resident Commissioner Carlos Romero-Barcelo, Ms. Martin was introduced by Senators Coverdell and Cleland and Representative Chambliss, and Ms. Swain was introduced by Senator Schumer.

### GENE THERAPY SAFETY

*C ttee e th c t e*  
Subcommittee on Public Health held hearings to examine safety of patients who participate in experimental gene therapy research and clinical trials, recent revelations regarding lapses in patient safety and compliance with federal regulations, and the need to strengthen our current federal oversight system, receiving testimony from William F. Raub, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Science Policy; Savio L. C. Woo, Mount Sinai School of Medicine Institute of Gene Therapy and Molecular Medicine, New York, New York, on behalf of the American Society of Gene Therapy; Pamela L. Zeitlin, Johns Hopkins Hospital Pediatric General Clinical Research Center, Baltimore, Maryland, on behalf of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation; Lisa Raines, Genzyme Corporation, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Thomas H. Murray, Hastings Center, Garrison, New York.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 36 public bills, H.R. 4540–4575; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 336–343, were introduced. **Pages H3867–68**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4402, to amend the American Competitiveness and Workforce Improvement Act of 1998 to improve the use of amounts deposited into the H-1B Nonimmigrant Petitioner Account for demonstration programs and projects to provide technical skills training for occupations for which there is a high demand for skilled workers, amended (H. Rept. 106–642); and

H.R. 1882, to amend provisions of law enacted by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 to ensure full analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules proposed by certain agencies (H. Rept. 106–643, Pt. 1). **Pages H3866–67**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Alphas Townsend of Bronx, New York. **Page H3815**

**Agricultural Risk Protection Act Conference Report:** The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2559, to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers by providing greater access to more affordable risk management tools and improved protection from production and income loss, to improve the efficiency and integrity of the Federal crop insurance program. **Pages H3817–28**

Agreed to H. Res. 512, the rule that waived points of order against the conference report.

**Pages H3816–17**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:46 a.m. and reconvened at 11:57 p.m. **Page H3830**

**Ban on Partial Birth Abortions:** Pursuant to H. Res. 457, the House passed S. 1692, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting the provisions of H.R. 3660, to amend title 18, United States

Code, to ban partial-birth abortions, as passed the House. The House then insisted on its amendment and requested a conference with the Senate. Appointed as conferees: Chairman Hyde and Representatives Canady, Goodlatte, Conyers, and Watt of North Carolina. **Pages H3829–30**

Earlier agreed to the Conyers motion to instruct conferees to meet promptly with the Senate on all issues committed to conference. **Page H3829**

**Commending Israel for Its Withdrawal From Southern Lebanon:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 331, commending Israel's redeployment from southern Lebanon by a yea and nay vote of 403 yeas to 3 nays with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 231. **Pages H3840–41**

**Late Reports Committee on Appropriations:** The Committee on Appropriations received permission to have until midnight on June 1 to file privileged reports on measures making FY 2001 appropriations for the Department of Defense; Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and related agencies; and Department of Interior and related agencies. **Page H3841**

**Repeal of Spanish-American War Telephone Excise Tax:** The House passed H.R. 3916, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on telephone and other communication services by a recorded vote of 420 yeas to 2 noes, Roll No. 233. **Pages H3842–54**

Rejected the Doggett motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back with an amendment that imposes additional reporting requirements on section 527 organizations in order to obtain the telephone excise tax relief by a yea and nay vote of 208 yeas to 214 nays, Roll No. 232. **Pages H3851–53**

House agreed to H. Res. 511, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a recorded vote of 404 yeas to 15 noes, Roll No. 230. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yea and nay vote of 221 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 229. **Pages H3830–40**

**Presidential Messages:** Read the following messages from the President:

*National Emergency Re Yugoslavia and Kosovo:* Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his 6 month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) and Kosovo—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–248); and **Page H3855**

*Federal Register Notice Re Yugoslavia, Bosnia, and Kosovo National Emergency:* Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his Fed-

eral Register Notice on the national emergency declared with respect to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), Bosnian Serb Forces, and Kosovo—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–249). **Pages H3855–56**

**Memorial Day District Work Period:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 336, providing for an adjournment of both Houses of Congress. Pursuant to the concurrent resolution the House will stand adjourned for the Memorial Day District Work Period until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 6, 2000 for morning-hour debate. **Page H3828**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein Representative Wolf was designated to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through June 6. **Page H3854**

**Resignations—Appointments:** Agreed that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Tuesday, June 6, 2000, the Speaker, Majority Leader and Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House. **Page H3854**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule on Wednesday, June 7, 2000. **Page H3854**

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate appears on page H3865.

**Referrals:** S. 484 was referred to the Committees on the Judiciary and International Relations. S. Con. Res. 110 was referred to the Committee on International Relations. **Page H3865**

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H3869–70.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yeas and nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3839–40, H3840, H3840–41, H3853, and H3853–54. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 5:14 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 336, until Tuesday, June 6.

## Committee Meetings

### DEFENSE AND INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee* Ordered reported the following appropriations for fiscal year 2001: Defense and Interior.

**NIGERIA IN TRANSITION**

*C ttee* *c Se ce* Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy held a hearing on Nigeria in Transition. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: William Schuerch, Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Development, Debt, and Environmental Policy; and Steve Radelet, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Africa, Middle East and South Asia; and public witnesses.

**HUD ASSISTED HOUSING—INCOME VERIFICATION**

*C ttee the et* Housing and Infrastructure Task Force held a hearing on "Lack of Income Verification in HUD Assisted Housing", the Need to Eliminate Overpayments. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Raymond A. Carolan, Special Agent in Charge, New England District; Emil J. Schuster, Special Agent in Charge, Southeast/Caribbean District, both with the Office of Inspector General; and Saul Ramirez, Deputy Secretary; and a public witness.

**INTERNET PHARMACEUTICAL SALES—ENFORCING THE LAWS**

*C ttee C e ce* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled: "Enforcing the Laws on Internet Pharmaceutical Sales: Where are the Feds?" Testimony was heard from William K. Hubbard, Senior Associate Commissioner, Policy, Planning and Legislation, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; Ethan Posner, Deputy Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; Betsy Durant, Director, Office of Trade Programs, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; and Carla Stovall, Attorney General, State of Kansas.

**OVERSIGHT—BROADBAND TECHNOLOGIES DEPLOYMENT**

*C ttee C e ce* Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held an oversight hearing on the deployment of broadband technologies. Testimony was heard from Representatives Goodlatte and Cannon; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*C ttee c t the ce* Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 4504, Higher Education Technical Amendments of 2000; and H.R. 4079, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a comprehensive fraud audit of the Department of Education.

**COPYRIGHT OFFICE AND SOUND RECORDINGS**

*C ttee the c y* Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on "The United States Copyright Office and Sound Recordings as Work for Hire." Testimony was heard from Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyright, Copyright Office of the United States, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

**OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL AGENCIES AND AIRPORTS SECURITY BREACHES**

*C ttee the c y* Subcommittee on Crime held an oversight hearing on "Breaches of Security at Federal Agencies and Airports." Testimony was heard from Robert Hast, Assistant Controller General, Special Investigations, Office of Special Investigations, GAO.

**AMERICAN COMPETITIVENESS AND WORKFORCE IMPROVEMENT ACT IMPLEMENTATION**

*C ttee the c y* Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held an oversight hearing on "The Status of Regulations Implementing the American Competitiveness and Workforce Improvement Act of 1998." Testimony was heard from John Fraser, Deputy Administrator, Wage and Hour Division, Employment Standards Administration, Department of Labor; John Spotila, Administrator, Office of Information Policy and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; and public witnesses.

**OVERSIGHT—OCEAN RESEARCH ADVISORY PANEL REPORT**

*C ttee e ce* Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans and the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development of the Committee on Armed Services held a joint oversight hearing on the Ocean Research Advisory Panel report, An Integrated Ocean Observing System: A Strategy for Implementing the First Steps of a U.S. Plan. Testimony was heard from D. James Baker, Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Rear Adm. Paul Gaffney, USN, Chief of Naval Research, Department of the Navy, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

**OVERSIGHT—SNOWMOBILE RECREATION IN NATIONAL PARKS**

*C ttee e ce* Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held an oversight hearing on Snowmobile Recreation in National Parks, particularly Yellowstone National Park. Testimony was heard from Senator Grams; Representatives Peterson of Minnesota, Oberstar, Chenoweth-Hage and Walden of Oregon; Donald J. Berry, Assistant Secretary,

Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior; Jerry Johnson, Mayor, West Yellowstone, State of Montana; Kim Raap, Manager, State Trails Program, Division of State Parks and Historic Site, Department of Commerce, State of Wyoming; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Small Business* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 4530, New Markets Venture Capital Program Act of 2000; and H.R. 4464, amended, to amend the Small Business Act to authorize the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to make grants and to enter into cooperative agreements to encourage the expansion of business-to-business relationships and the provision of certain information.

### SMALL COMMUNITY ESSENTIAL AIR SERVICE PROGRAM

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Aviation* held a hearing on the Future of the Small Community Essential Air Service Program. Testimony was heard from John H. Anderson, Jr., Director, Transportation Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, GAO; A. Bradley Mims, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Aviation and International Affairs, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

### PREPAREDNESS AGAINST TERRORISM ACT

*Committee on Oversight, Investigations, and Emergency Management* approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4210, Preparedness Against Terrorism Act of 2000.

### VETERANS AFFAIRS AND DOD'S JOINT PHARMACY PROCUREMENT

*Committee on Oversight and Investigations* held a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of

Defense joint pharmacy procurement. Testimony was heard from Steven P. Backhus, Director, Veterans' Affairs and Military Health Care Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Robert J. Lieberman, Assistant Inspector General, Auditing; Brig. Gen. Daniel Mongeon, USA, Commander, Defense Supply Center, Philadelphia; and Capt. Charles Hostettler, MSC, USN, Director, DoD, Pharmacy Programs, TRICARE Management Activity; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Gary J. Krump, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Acquisitions and Material Management; and John Ogden, Chief Consultant, Pharmacy Benefits Management Group, Veterans Health Administration; and a public witness.

### DEATH TAX ELIMINATION ACT

*Committee on Ways and Means* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 8, Death Tax Elimination Act.

### GLOBAL DEVELOPMENTS

*Executive Secretariat Committee on Global Development* Met in executive session to hold a briefing on Global Developments. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2000

(Committee meetings are listed in the following)

#### Senate

*Committee on Commerce* to hold hearings to examine export control implementation issues with respect to high performance computers, 10 a.m., SD-342.

#### House

*Committee on Crime, Terrorism, and Human Resources* Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources, hearing on "Drugs in the Mail: How Can It Be Stopped?" 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Tuesday, June 6

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** After the recognition of two Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 12:30 p.m.), Senate will recess until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.

At 2:15 p.m., an official Senate photo will be taken; following which, Senate expects to consider any conference reports and appropriation bills, when available.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 6

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** To be announced.

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